Subject : Charles Frederick Gunther Collection -- George Washington Indian Peace Medals

Chicago Historical Society [Chicago, IL]

1926-1929

August 26th, 1926

Chicago Historical Society
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I understand that your Society has been disposing of many of the medals which belonged to the late Mr. Gunther, and that among these were some Indian Peace medals. Did you dispose of the two large oval medals of Washington? If not, and you are contemplating doing so, we should appreciate it if you would kindly give us first option.

Very truly yours,

Curator

September 17, 1926

Miss Caroline M. McIlvaine
Chicago Historical Society
Dearborn & Ontario Streets
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Thank you for your letter of September 15th. We are glad that the Chicago Historical Society is not contemplating disposing of the Washington Indian Peace Medals.

The reason we wrote was because we saw a number of the Presidential medals which you sold to Jacobson, including the unique Union Fur Company medal and the, possibly, unique large size Astor medal. We regretted that these two had got on the market as we should have liked to have seen them resting in some Museum. We were too late to secure these and they are now in private hands.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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July 30, 1929

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street & Broadway,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am in receipt of the following inquiry from the World's Fair Commission: "The Societe Iwan Simonis, Verviers, Belgium, a very big cotton goods house, is anxious to obtain a duplicate of the medal they received at the Chicago Exposition 1893." We have been unable to locate this metal here in Chicago and at the suggestion of the Secretary of the Numismatic Society of this city, I am writing to ask if you could help us secure any information for the World's Fair committee.

We shall be most grateful for any cooperation which you can give us.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Shattuck

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Director

August 1st, 1929.

Chicago Historical Society,
Mr. L. Hubbard Shattuck, Director-
Dearborn & Ontario Streets,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Shattuck:

As far as I know only, the Chicago Exposition medals awarded to exhibitors, have the recipients name stamped on each medal as part of it. If the Belgium concern is anxious for a duplicate, the Philadelphia Mint might strike one on order from some responsible party.

Very truly yours,

Curator.